

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method is disclosed for automatically integrating an automation component into an automation system. The automation component, which initially does not need to have a defined functionality, automatically requests a communication address during log-on. The automation component then requests with the communication address from the server a first communication data set identifying a functionality and a second configuration data record associated with the identified functionality. The second configuration data record is used by the automation component to carry out a process in the automation system. The method eliminates the need for defining the functionality of an automation component before installation.